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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Revised Implementation Guidance for Section 1170 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2018, Watercraft Inspection Stations

1. The Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works approved on 12 April 2019 Section 1170 of WRDA 2018. The attached implementation guidance is posted for internal and external use on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers official WRDA website:
<http://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Project-Planning/Legislative-Links/>.
2. Please ensure wide dissemination of this guidance. Questions regarding this implementation guidance should be directed to the Headquarters POC, Steven Kopecky, Deputy Chief, Northwestern Division Regional Integration Team, at (202) 761-4527 or steven.kopecky@usace.army.mil.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL, U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

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1. References.

- a. Section 104 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1958, as amended (33 U.S.C. 610) ("Control of aquatic plant growths and invasive species")
- b. Implementation Guidance for Water Resources Reform, and Development Act of 2014 (WRRDA 2014), Section 1039(d), Watercraft Inspection Stations, dated 18 March 2016
- c. Implementation Guidance for Water Resources Development Act of 2016 (WRDA 2016), Section 1178(b), Columbia River, Watercraft Inspection Stations, dated 6 March 2017

2. Section 1170 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2018 (WRDA 2018) further amends Section 104 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1958 (33 U.S.C. 610). Section 1170 increases the geographic scope of the program to allow the Secretary to establish, operate, and maintain new or existing watercraft inspection stations in the Columbia River Basin, the Upper Missouri River Basin, the Upper Colorado River Basin, and the South Platte River Basin; raises the annual appropriation limits; and provides for funding prioritization. Section 1170 of WRDA 2018 and references 1b. and 1c. are enclosed.

3. Guidance.

- a. Section 1170 of WRDA 2018 directs the Secretary to establish, operate, and maintain new or existing watercraft inspection stations, subject to the availability of funding, to protect the identified basins. In developing watercraft inspection programs for the Columbia River, the Upper Missouri River Basin, the Upper Colorado River Basin, and the South Platte River Basin, the Districts shall follow the process and procedures as outlined in references 1b. and 1c. For each additional river basin, the Corps shall develop a Letter Report and follow the procedures as outlined in reference 1b.
- b. Watercraft inspection stations shall be established at locations with the highest likelihood of preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species at reservoirs operated

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and maintained by the Corps, and will be documented in the Letter Report for each basin.

c. The Letter Report shall identify basin priorities, the amount of funding required to establish, maintain and operate new or existing stations, as appropriate: a plan for prioritizing the inspection stations according to the needs and urgency of each area; and the availability of local matching funds.

4. This guidance shall be transmitted to the appropriate Corps Division and District Commanders and posted to the Corps' WRDA website within five business days of receipt (written or electronic) from this office. Guidance shall be transmitted and posted as is and without additional guidance attached.

5. Questions regarding this implementation guidance should be directed to Gib Owen, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, at gib.a.owen.civ@mail.mil or 703-695-4641.



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Enclosure

cf: MG Scott Spellmon, Deputy Commanding General, Civil and Emergency Operations
James Dalton, Director of Civil Works

Water Resources Development Act of 2018, Section 1170. Watercraft Inspection Stations

Section 104 of the River and Harbor Act of 1958 (33 U.S.C. 610) is amended

(1) by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

(b) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

(1) **IN GENERAL.** There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$110,000,000 for each fiscal year, of which

(A) \$30,000,000 shall be made available to carry out subsection (d)(1)(A)(i); S. 3021

(B) \$30,000,000 shall be made available to carry out subsection (d)(1)(A)(ii); and

(C) \$30,000,000 shall be made available to carry out subsection (d)(1)(A)(iii).

(2) **CONTROL OPERATIONS.** Any funds made available under paragraph (1) to be used for control operations shall be allocated by the Chief of Engineers on a priority basis, based on the urgency and need of each area and the availability of local funds; and (2) in subsection (d)

(A) by amending paragraph (1) to read as follows:

(1) **IN GENERAL.**

(A) **WATERCRAFT INSPECTION STATIONS.** In carrying out this section, the Secretary shall establish (as applicable), operate, and maintain new or existing watercraft inspection stations

(i) to protect the Columbia River Basin;

(ii) to protect the Upper Missouri River Basin; and

(iii) to protect the Upper Colorado River Basin and the South Platte and Arizona River Basins.

(B) **LOCATIONS.** The Secretary shall establish watercraft inspection stations under subparagraph (A) a locations with the highest likelihood of preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species at reservoirs operated and maintained by the Secretary, as determined by the Secretary in consultation with States within the areas described in subparagraph (A).

(C) **RAPID RESPONSE.** The Secretary shall assist States within the areas described in subparagraph (A) with rapid response to any aquatic invasive species, including quagga or zebra mussel, infestation; and (B) by amending paragraph (3)(A) to read as follows:

(A) the Governors of the States within the areas described in each of clauses (i) through (iii) of paragraph (1)(A), as applicable;'